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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - NORTH KOREA

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Tuesday morning included the election of former Finance Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki as the new LDP leader in the party's presidential election on Monday.
¶2. "Stage Being Set for Resumption of Six-Party Talks" The business-oriented Nikkei wrote (9/29): "Regarding the North Korean nuclear issue, concerned nations have begun setting the stage for the resumption of the Six-Party Talks, which have been inactive for more than nine months. China announced on Monday that Premier Wen Jiabao will visit North Korea. Foreign ministers from Japan, China, and South Korea held a meeting and confirmed their unity against North Korea. Concerned nations will use the comprehensive bilateral talks with the U.S. that North Korea desires and economic assistance as diplomatic cards in a strategy of 'dialogue and pressure' to urge North Korea to move forward in the process of abandoning its nuclear programs and return to dialogue. These moves are likely to gather greater momentum as we head into October."

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